

Transforming Manufacturing in a Digital Economy Workgroup (Made in Maryland)

October 12, 2021; 10:00am-12:00pm

Meeting Minutes

Workgroup Members in Attendance:

- Delegate Lily Qi, Chair
- Senator Chris West
- Senator Jim Rosapepe
- Delegate Johnny Mautz
- Todd Sabin, Maryland Commerce
- Jim Rzepkowski, Maryland Labor
- Mike Galiazzo, RMI
- Marty Rosendale, Maryland Tech Council
- Lindsay Ryan, USM
- Wynne Briscoe, SBDC
- Suzy Ganz, MMAB
- Kelly Koermer, MACC
- Chris Cosgrove, RAMP MD
- Mike Kelleher, Maryland MEP
- Adam Porter, Fraunhofer USA
- Donna Edwards, MD-DC AFL-CIO
- Bob Mather, Stanley Black & Decker
- Ken Sanchez, Chesapeake Specialty Products
- Paul Foster (on behalf of Jack Weber), Uptown Press
- Irnande Altema, MICUA
- Kunjan Tokekar, Volvo Group
- April Richardson, Food Opportunity

Staff:

- Heather Gramm, Maryland Commerce
- Jen LaHatte, Maryland Commerce
- Mike Siers, Maryland Commerce
- Richard Clinch, Jacob France Institute

Public:

- Peter O'Neill, Fraunhofer USA
- Katie Hardy, Office of Delegate Qi

Welcome and Introductions:

Delegate Qi gave welcome remarks and provided a recap of the September 14th meeting. She then opened the meeting to discussion and reactions from the Workgroup members.

Open Discussion:

A robust discussion of the members followed, providing reactions and insights into the presentations from the previous meeting, input on the importance of digital transformation in manufacturing and the challenges faced when implementing these new technologies. There was discussion on the importance of workforce and shifts in the types of positions and skills needed. There was also discussion on the types of support, both technical and financial, that may be helpful to manufacturers to support adoption of technologies in their operations.

Closing Remarks:

Delegate Qi thanked the members for their valuable insights. She then showed a portion of a recently produced video by Maryland Public Television highlighting Maryland manufacturing.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm